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Former Monroe County Employee Sentenced for Robutrad-Related Crimes*Robert Morone Gets 1-3 Years in Prison*

Robert Morone, the former manager of Monroe County's Environmental Services Department, was sentenced to 1-3 years in prison this afternoon for defrauding taxpayers.

This sentence will run concurrent with the federal sentence Morone is now serving.

Morone, 55, was the county's liaison to Robutrad Corporation which was created by the trades unions to provide labor for Monroe County. Investigators found that under Morone's supervision, Robutrad workers performed jobs for other people while earning their county paychecks. Assistant District Attorney William Gargan says the fraudulent wages added up to about \$112,000.

15 Robutrad employees were convicted in this case. 10 pled guilty to misdemeanor charges, served jail weekends and paid restitution. Four others admitted to felony crimes but were sent to substance abuse treatment. Three employees still need to pay restitution. Morone is responsible for all the stolen money that is not paid back. Under his sentence today, he may have to pay restitution ranging from \$3,700 to \$35,000.

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